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President: Mr. Deiss ..... (Switzerland)

The meeting was called to order at 10.05 a.m.

Agenda item 111

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs

(a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council

The President (*spoke in French*): The General Assembly will now proceed to the election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council to replace those members whose term of office expires on 31 December 2010.

The five outgoing non-permanent members are the following: Austria, Japan, Mexico, Turkey and Uganda. Those five States cannot be re-elected. Their names, therefore, should not appear on the ballot papers.

Apart from the five permanent members, the Security Council will include in the year 2011 the following States: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Gabon, Lebanon and Nigeria. The names of those States, therefore, should also not appear on the ballot papers.

Of the five non-permanent members that will remain in office in the year 2011, three are from Africa and Asia, one is from Eastern Europe and one is from Latin America and the Caribbean. Consequently, pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 1991 A (XVIII), of 17 December 1963, the five non-permanent members should be elected according to the following pattern: two from Africa and Asia, one from Latin America and the Caribbean and two from Western Europe and other States. The ballot papers reflect that pattern.

In accordance with established practice, there is an understanding to the effect that, of the two States to be elected from Africa and Asia, one should be from Africa and one from Asia.

I should like to inform the Assembly that those candidates — their number not exceeding the number of seats to be filled — receiving the greatest number of votes and a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, will be declared elected. If the number of candidates receiving a two-thirds majority is less than the number of members to be elected, we will proceed to a restricted ballot limited to those candidates that have obtained the greatest number of votes in the previous ballot, which should not be more than twice the seats remaining to be filled.

May I take it that the General Assembly agrees to that procedure?

It was so decided.

The President (*spoke in French*): In accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure, the election shall be held by secret ballot and there shall be no nominations.

Regarding candidatures, I have been informed by the Chairpersons of the respective regional groups of the following. For the two vacant seats from among the African and Asian States, two candidates have been designated, namely, South Africa and India. For the

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one vacant seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States, there is one endorsed candidate, namely, Colombia. For the two vacant seats from among the Western European and other States, there are three candidates, namely, Canada, Germany and Portugal.

In accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure, we shall now proceed to the election by secret ballot.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that, pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order on the actual conduct of the voting.

We shall now begin the voting process. Members are requested to remain seated until all ballots have been collected.

Ballot papers marked "A", "B" and "C" will now be distributed. I request representatives to use only those ballot papers that have been distributed.

May I ask representatives to write clearly on the ballot papers marked "A", for the African and Asian States, the names of the two States for which they wish to vote; on the ballot papers marked "B", for the Latin American and Caribbean States, the name of the one State for which they wish to vote; and on the ballot papers marked "C", for the Western European and other States, the names of the two States for which they wish to vote.

A ballot will be declared invalid if it contains more names of Member States from the relevant region than the number of seats assigned to it. A ballot will also be declared invalid if all the names of the Member States on that ballot do not belong to the relevant region. If a ballot paper contains names of Member States that do not belong to that region, the ballot remains valid, but only the names of the Member States that belong to the relevant region will be counted. The names of Member States that do not belong to that region will not be counted at all.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Babadoudou (Benin), Mr. Toba (Brazil), Mr. Kahiluoto (Finland), Ms. Satomi (Japan), Mr. Weydert (Luxembourg) and Ms. Stoica (Romania) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 10.25 a.m. and resumed at 11.30 a.m.

The President (*spoke in French*): The result of the voting is as follows:

Group A — African and Asian States

Number of ballot papers:	191
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	191
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	190
Required two-thirds majority:	127
Number of votes obtained:	
India	187
South Africa	182
Pakistan	1
Swaziland	1

Group B — Latin American and Caribbean States

Number of ballot papers:	191
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	191
Abstentions:	5
Number of members voting:	186
Required two-thirds majority:	124
Number of votes obtained:	
Colombia	186

Group C — Western European and other States

Number of ballot papers:	191
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	191
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	190
Required two-thirds majority:	127
Number of votes obtained:	
Germany	128
Portugal	122
Canada	114

Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, the following States were elected members of the Security Council for a two-year term beginning 1 January 2011: Colombia, Germany, India and South Africa.

The President (*spoke in French*): There remains one seat to be filled from among the Group of Western European and other States. We shall therefore proceed to the first restricted ballot.

The second round of balloting shall be restricted to the two States from among the Western European

and other States that were not elected but that obtained the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, namely, Canada and Portugal. That is in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that, pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order on the actual conduct of the voting.

We shall now begin the voting process.

Ballot papers marked "C" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers the name of the State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "C" for Western European and other States will be declared invalid if they contain the name of a State other than Canada or Portugal, as well as if they contain the names of more than one State.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Babadoudou (Benin), Mr. Toba (Brazil), Mr. Kahiluoto (Finland), Ms. Satomi (Japan), Mr. Weydert (Luxembourg) and Ms. Stoica (Romania) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 11.40 a.m. and resumed at 12.10 p.m.

The President (*spoke in French*): The result of the voting is as follows:

Group C — Western European and other States	
Number of ballot papers:	192
Number of invalid ballots:	1
Number of valid ballots:	191
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	191
Required two-thirds majority:	128
Number of votes obtained:	
Portugal	113
Canada	78

As no candidate has received the required two-thirds majority in the preceding ballot, there remains one seat to be filled from among the Group of Western European and other States. We shall therefore proceed to the second restricted ballot.

The third round of balloting shall be restricted to the two States from among the Western European and other States that were not elected but that obtained the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, namely, Canada and Portugal. That is in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that, pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order on the actual conduct of the voting.

We shall now begin the voting process.

Ballot papers marked "C" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers the name of the State for which they wish to vote.

Ballot papers marked "C" for Western European and other States will be declared invalid if they contain the name of a State other than Canada or Portugal, or if they contain the names of more than one State.

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The President (*spoke in French*): I give the floor to the representative of Canada.

Mr. McNee (Canada): The Canadian delegation wishes to withdraw its candidacy and to congratulate Portugal and Germany on their election to the Security Council.

The President (*spoke in French*): I thank the representative of Canada for his cooperation.

Given the statement made by the representative of Canada, we shall now proceed with the restricted ballot in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 12.10 p.m. and resumed at 12.35 p.m.

The President (*spoke in French*): The result of the voting is as follows:

Group C — Western European and other States	
Number of ballot papers:	185
Number of invalid ballots:	1
Number of valid ballots:	184
Abstentions:	2
Number of members voting:	182

Required two-thirds majority:	122
Number of votes obtained:	
Portugal	150
Canada	32

Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, the following State was elected a member of the Security Council for a two-year term beginning 1 January 2011: Portugal.

The President (*spoke in French*): The following five States have thus been elected members of the Security Council for a mandate of two years, beginning on 1 January 2011: Colombia, Germany, India, Portugal and South Africa.

I warmly congratulate the States that have been elected members of the Security Council, and I thank the tellers for their assistance in this election.

The General Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 111.

The meeting rose at 12.40 p.m.